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I hope, General, that you will now be convinced of all the efforts that are being made in the Mexican Republic to stamp out yellow fever from its territory, and of the efficiency of those that are about to be put in practice during the remaining months of the winter, and I believe that you will also be convinced of our good will to carry out that work, not only on the part of the President of the Republic and secretary of the interior, but still more on the part of the superior board of health, which is charged with the execution of those orders.

I have the honor to remain, yours, very sincerely,

E. LICEAGA.

Legislation in Texas in regard to disinfection.

An Act requiring the disinfection of public buildings, railway coaches and sleeping cars, and providing a penalty for the violation thereof, and declaring an emergency.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the legislature of the State of Texas*, That it shall be the duty of the State health officer of Texas, and he is hereby authorized and empowered, to prepare rules and regulations governing the proper disinfection and sanitation of public buildings and all railway coaches and sleeping cars operated in the State of Texas.

SEC. 2. It shall be his duty, and he is hereby authorized and empowered, to prescribe a sanitary code, which shall contain and provide rules and regulations of a general nature for the improvement and amelioration of the hygienic and sanitary condition of said public buildings, railway coaches, and sleeping cars.

SEC. 3. Every person having control of any public building, railway company, sleeping car company, or other corporation, company, or individual, or the receiver thereof, engaged in the carrying of passengers in this State, shall, at their own expense, within a prescribed time after receiving notice from the State health officer of the promulgation of the rules and regulations in the above sections mentioned, carry the same into effect.

SEC. 4. If any person having control of any public building, or any agent, manager, operator, employee, or receiver of any railway company, sleeping car company, or any individual shall fail to comply with the provisions of this act and the rules and regulations promulgated by the State health officer under the provisions thereof, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty nor more than two hundred dollars.

Approved April 6, 1903.

CIRCULAR NO. 1.

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the above act of the twenty-eighth legislature, the following rules are hereby prescribed, which shall govern the disinfection and sanitation of public buildings, railway coaches, and sleeping cars in the State of Texas, and shall be effective on and after February 11, 1904:

1. Each passenger coach or sleeping car used for passengers must be provided with one cuspidor for each seat or every two chairs. Each cuspidor must contain not less than six ounces of a disinfectant solu-

tion approved by this department. The cuspidors to be emptied, washed in a similar solution, and replenished each trip or every twenty-four hours.

2. Public buildings must be provided with sufficient number of cuspidors, or not less than one in each room or hall, treated in a like manner, and emptied, washed, and replenished daily.

3. The floors of cars and public buildings must be sprinkled with a similar solution before each sweeping.

4. Sweeping and dusting of cars are prohibited in transit, except that floors of cars may be swept at division terminals or meal stations, where passengers will be given an opportunity to leave the cars during that time. Seats, windows, and walls of cars must be wiped off with a cloth or sponge and not dusted in transit.

5. All sleeping cars must be disinfected by fumigation in a manner approved by this department at the end of each round trip in the State of Texas where sleeping cars do not leave the State.

6. All sleeping cars passing through or coming into the State of Texas must be disinfected in the same manner each trip at some point in the State approved by this department. All carpets, curtains, blankets, and bedding, except linen, to be disinfected with cars.

7. Day coaches used for passengers must be fumigated, whenever the necessity exists, at some point in this State acceptable to this department. If a car becomes infected by being occupied by a person having a contagious disease it must be disinfected immediately at end of run.

8. All public buildings must be disinfected by fumigation whenever the necessity exists for it.

9. Containers of water for drinking in cars and public buildings must be emptied and thoroughly cleansed at least once every forty-eight hours. (Public schools should be provided with a separate cup at each desk for each pupil to drink from or the pupils should be required to provide same.)

10. Ice which is used in water coolers in cars must not be dumped on the floors, sidewalks, and car platforms where people have trod and expectorated, and then picked up by unclean hands and put into the drinking water. It should be washed and handled with ice tongs.

11. Passengers, patrons, employees or others must be prohibited from washing their teeth over or expectorating in basins in sleeping cars, passenger coaches, or public buildings which are used for bathing the face and hands. Large cuspidors must be provided for such purposes.

All local health officers and citizens are requested to assist in the enforcement of the above rules.

GEORGE R. TABOR,
State Health Officer.

AUSTIN, TEXAS, *January 11, 1904.*

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

*Summary of work in Chinatown, San Francisco, for the week ended
February 6, 1904.*

The following is received from Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue, under date of February 8:

Buildings reinspected.....	192
Rooms	1,567